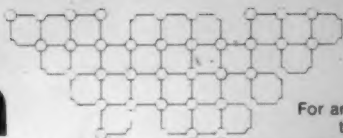


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A classic made from a kit

The sleek looking 1929 Mercedes Benz SSK that drew a crowd under the deck belongs to Roy Schroeder, buyer. He and his son, Clayton, built it from a kit in 500 hours, with a break every now and then.

Clayton works at the Canton Distribution Center and is a car buff. "He's a car nut and so am I, to a degree," says Schroeder. "One day my wife and I made a trip to California. We were in the airport and there was this car made from a kit. I thought I'd like to make one."

So with his wife's blessing, Schroeder and his son had crates of car parts delivered and began their project on May 12, 1983. Five hundred hours later, on July 11, the car was ready to run.

"My son took his vacation and worked on the car, sometimes until three in the morning and then he still didn't want to come inside and go to bed. He put in 340 hours and I put in 160."

The car has been driven at 85 miles per hour, but Schroeder feels it can go faster, since that model was originally a racing car. It weighs 1,690 pounds and gets 30 miles to a gallon of gasoline.

According to the kit, the car can be assembled easily. "The directions say it takes 100 hours, but that is a misnomer. There's no way it can be done. And they don't furnish a lot of the parts. The kit is very minimal. You couldn't get the car on the road with the parts they give you."

This is the first car that Schroeder and his son have ever built, but it

probably won't be the last. "Now my son would like to build a Porsche," gleams Schroeder.

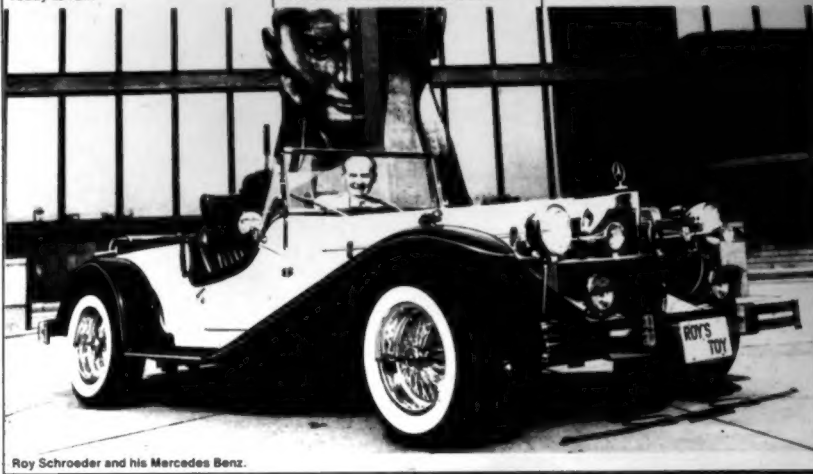
Neither of the men have had any formal automotive training, but have spent many years working on their own cars. Clayton has read copious books about automobiles and has owned nine or ten cars which he works on during his free time.

Clayton also does pinstriping on cars, which usually amounts to a few cars a week.

Mrs. Schroeder has put together a scrapbook of photos taken daily, with humorous captions, depicting the progression of the Mercedes project.

The car runs on regular gas, but its tank is filled in an odd way. The gas is

continued on back



Roy Schroeder and his Mercedes Benz.